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Nerves Give Way From Study; Young Man Commits Suicide

SHARP WILLIAMS TAKES OWN LIFE

Distressing Tragedy in Salt Lake Home.

Son of Prominent and Cultured Family Is the Victim.

Devoted Himself to His Books Until His Whole System Weakened Under Strain.



John Sharp Williams, the Victim of Too Close Application to His College Work.

DEPENDENCY of mind and weakness of body brought on by months of hard study, whose nights afforded no sleep, caused John Sharp Williams, aged 24, to kill himself yesterday morning at the family residence, First South and Twelfth East. The pitiable tragedy is supposed to have taken place about 2 o'clock in the morning, but was not discovered until about two and a half hours later. Young Williams only returned last Sunday from the Rose Polytechnical Institute at Terre Haute, Ind., where he has been for the past year pursuing studies in mining and electrical engineering. At the beginning of the second semester young Williams' health began to decline and his strength weakened markedly under the hard nights and long days of study incident to the final examinations. He became nervous and restless but held on until the end. On his return home his condition became more and more precarious and the young man concluded to lay the matter before his father.

Condition Not Thought Serious.

At 8 o'clock, however, did the family suspect that his condition was so serious and least of all on the fatal morning preceding the tragedy. During the evening there had been a tennis party at the family home and Sharp was one of the most of the players. After the game he had a brief conversation with his father over his condition and seemed slightly more cheerful than usual. He retired to his room and falling asleep he went down into the family parlor upon passing the time away by some reading.

Father's Awful Discovery.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. Williams arose and noticed a light in the library. Suddenly he remembered the muffled midnight shot and he arose and went downstairs. He found that John had gone down there earlier in the evening and at first he supposed that he had just fallen asleep. Entering the room, however, he noticed his son stretched out cold and dead. He had taken a 30-30 rifle that was kept in the house for general purposes, placed the muzzle in his mouth and pulled the trigger, thus committing suicide. The muffled report was heard by his father.

After Justice Frank Clark had been notified of the tragedy the remains were removed to the Evan's undertaking establishment where they were officially placed. Following the examination it was decided that no inquest was necessary.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Evan's undertaking parlors. No services were held. The body of the young man was buried in Mt. Olivet cemetery at the side of his mother who died some few years ago.

Great regret has been expressed for Mr. Williams, who is well known in

Salt Lake, being the general counsel for the Oregon Short Line railroad. He is a prominent and distinguished member of the Utah bar and a jurist of much repute. He is a scholarly man and has given all his children the advantages of a first class college education. For a number of years Sharp Williams attended the Salt Lake High school but he withdrew before graduating in order to enter Stanford university. While there he did work along mining and engineering lines. Two years ago he withdrew in order to enter Terre Haute, Ind., where he intended completing his course.

Had a Bright Future.

Few young men had a brighter future than Sharp Williams and his sad death was a terrible shock to his world of friends. Born here and popular with all the young people, surrounded by the best of home influences and an interesting family, bright and with a chance to become a prominent man in some walk of life, his untimely end will forever be a matter of the deepest sorrow to all who loved him. His father had always his interest at heart and in addition to his education, provided him with work on the railroad, the young man being first engaged with the engineering staff and later in the freight department. In both places he showed his aptitude and the chiefs of each department had nothing but words of highest praise yesterday for the manner in which he performed all the duties he was called upon to do. His manner was generally sunny, too, and he made a companionable man for camp life. Another trait that was pronounced in his character was his readiness to respond to the call of charity. Whenever any person was in trouble and Sharp knew it he was among the first to do a share to relieve the distress, whatever it might be.

His mother died several years ago, but in addition to her father he leaves a sister, Miss Kate Williams, a graduate at Bryn Mawr, an excellent scholar with much literary taste, an older brother, Curg Williams, who is superintendent of the Highland Boy, and three young brothers. To one and all the heartfelt sympathy of their friends is extended in this crushing bereavement.

Saved From a Life of Shame

Former Salt Lake Girl Committed to Home of Good Shepherd at Helena.

Special to The Tribune.

UTAH, Mont., June 29.—Agnus Benson, 17 years old, the Salt Lake girl who was arrested by the police a week ago to prevent her from becoming a member of the lower world, was today examined by the lunacy commission and committed to the home of the Good Shepherd at Helena, a refuge for erring girls. Miss Benson's mother, who lives in Salt Lake, apparently did not care to assume further, as the authorities here could get no response from her as to what disposition to make of the girl.

Russian Ships Collide

Big Fighting Machine Navarin Is Rammmed by an Ironclad at Cronstadt.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 29.—A report has just reached the Associated Press correspondent that the Russian ironclad, Netron, rammed the Russian battleship Navarin at Cronstadt this afternoon. The circumstances and the extent of the damage have not been ascertained. The Navarin is a battleship of 10,000 tons displacement and 9000 indicated horsepower and carries a crew of 630 men. She was completed in 1895 and was last commissioned on Saturday. The warship has a belt of compound armor of six inches thick, 12-inches of the same armor above her belt, 12-inches on her back-head and 12-inches over her heavy gun positions. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch guns, eight six-inch guns, 14 quick-firers and four smaller guns.

The Netron Menia is a coast defense ironclad of 3540 tons displacement. She is an old vessel, having been completed in 1865, but was supplied with new boilers in 1897. The armament of the Netron Menia consists of 14 six-inch guns and probably a few smaller quick-firing guns. Her armor belt is 3.5 to 4.5 inches in thickness and she has a beam thickness of armor over her battery.

CZAR'S FORTS ABANDONED

Three Near Port Arthur Captured.

Russians Retreat After an All-Day Fight on Sunday.

Battle Opened With an Artillery Duel, According to Unofficial Reports.

TOKIO, June 29.—It is unofficially reported that the Chik Wan Shan, Chit An Shan and So Cho Chan forts, southeast of that part of Port Arthur defenses, were captured on Sunday after an all-day fight, beginning with an artillery duel. So Cho Chan, it is added, was first captured, and the other forts fell soon afterward. The Russians retreated west, leaving forty dead. The number of wounded had not been ascertained.

The composition of the Japanese force consisted of all branches of the service. The Japanese lost three officers and 100 men killed or wounded, and captured two guns and a quantity of ammunition.

The officials here do not credit the report.

Another report says in fierce fighting which took place at the rear of Port Arthur Sunday, June 26, attack was made simultaneously by the Japanese troops on three hills which were strongly fortified. After an overwhelming bombardment the Mikado's men advanced and drove out the Russians.

DESERT LAND LAW CONSTRUED

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office Fimple rendered a decision today in the case of a corporation at Great Falls, Mont., which is the first construction ever placed on the desert land act at the land office. His application will be broad, and unusual interest attaches to the decision because of its being first. The original desert land act was enacted in 1877, and amended in 1891. To Mr. Fimple's knowledge there has never been a decision of any kind rendered until today under that law.

The Montana corporation applied for permission to enter land in its corporate name. In his decision Acting Commissioner Fimple holds that while the corporation, duly incorporated under the laws of the State in which it is located, is the meaning of the law, a citizen of the United States yet where members have already made entry of land, the corporation is disqualified from entering land in its corporate name. In other words, a set of men cannot combine and enter land in the name of the corporation and at the same time exercise their individual rights to enter. Each individual or corporation can hold only 320 acres, and the entering by an individual member of the corporation of land in his own name precludes the entering of land by the corporation of which he is a member.

MANY DIE IN STORM IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, June 29.—A tornado swept the city last night, causing enormous damage. Forty-five persons were killed and thirteen injured are being cared for in the hospitals.

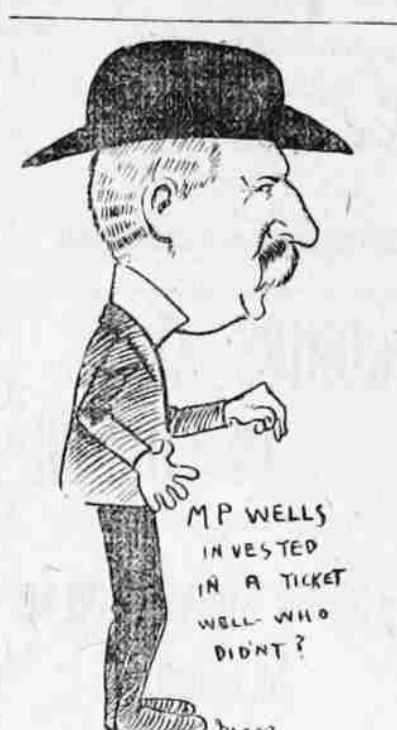
Two villages near here in the track of the storm were destroyed. One hundred and fifty deaths are reported there, while eighty-five persons were hurt. The telegraph system was prostrated and railroad communication is interrupted.

Hailstones weighing three-quarters of a pound fell during the storm. In one grove of 20 acres only one tree was left standing.

Minnesota Republicans Meet.

ST. PAUL, June 29.—The question of who will be the Republican nominee for Governor appears to hinge upon the difference of Senator M. E. Chapp, who, as president of the Republican convention, will rule whether or not the contesting delegates will be allowed to vote on the adoption of the report of the committee on credentials.

Beyond Sanguine Expectation of All of Its Promoters



AFTER JORDAN NARROWS PLANT

Big Power Project of an Eastern Syndicate.

Foreclosure Sale, a Request of Syndicate, Goes Over for Thirty Days.

Brother of Congressman Boutelle Is Interested, Along With Other Moneyed Men.

WHEN the matter of the foreclosure in the case of the Salt Lake Water and Electrical Power company came up in the Third District court yesterday, M. H. Boutelle et al. asked to have the sale continued and the court so ordered, making a postponement for thirty days. Mr. Boutelle and his friends showed that they were intending bona fide purchasers of the property.

Behind this court action, however, lies an important story which forms but one more chapter in the interesting history of the growth and future development of this region. Mr. Boutelle, who, by the way, is a brother of Congressman Boutelle, comes from Minneapolis, and with several other influential gentlemen, has formed a syndicate for the purchase of the Jordan Narrows power plant under the foregoing title.

Now in Receiver's Hands.

It has been in the hands of a receiver for some time, Mr. Joseph Geoghegan, and incident to their intention to purchase the Easterners have been going into the matter very thoroughly with the result that they have found the affairs of the company in splendid shape, and are especially impressed with the excellence of the receivership and Mr. Geoghegan's administration.

As is well known, the Jordan Narrows plant cost a large sum of money, although the upset price was fixed at only \$50,000. The prospective purchasers, the Boutelle syndicate, has in view not only the purchase of this plant and its further development, but most important of all, it has secured a supply of coal within a radius of twenty miles of Salt Lake City, and here it will establish a large steam plant to generate still greater electrical power, and in the end will be in a position to control a vast amount of power which will naturally lead to other industrial developments.

Syndicate Is Pleased.

Those in the syndicate are highly pleased with the opportunities presented locally, and firmly believe that there is a great future in store for such an incorporation. It is also known that local people are eager to secure the plant at a small figure so at the foreclosure sale some lively bidding may result as in the case of the Utah Central sale in 1896.

Little Boy Drowned.

Special to The Tribune. BOISE, Ida., June 29.—Jacob, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Grass, was drowned this evening in the ditch of the Rapid Transit company. The body was found two miles below the place where the child fell. When informed of his child's death, Mrs. Grass swallowed part of a bottle of carbolic acid, but prompt medical assistance saved her life.

REAL ESTATE DAY GREAT SUCCESS

Sell Thirty Thousand Tickets.

Half as Many Thousand Attend the Outing at Saltair.

All Pleased With the Greatest Gathering Popular Resort Has Ever Seen.

REAL ESTATE day broke all records of Saltair beach, the largest day's attendance in the history of that resort having been scored, the largest number of bathers having been accommodated, the greatest number of trains having been run as well as the train carrying the greatest number of passengers.

The actual attendance at Saltair yesterday somewhat exceeded 15,000 souls, and thirty-eight trains of from fourteen

to eighteen cars each were required to carry them. The train carrying the greatest number of passengers was the one which arrived at the beach at 7:45 p. m., its load having numbered 1856 passengers, who carried real estate day tickets, the additional number who may have ridden on passes or regular tickets being unknown.

Three Thousand Bathers.

The number of bathers who yesterday enjoyed the waters of the lake was in round numbers 3200, and the number would have been much larger had their been bathing suits to go round. During the greater part of the afternoon there were from 300 to 500 persons with tickets waiting for bathing suits to become uncoupled. The largest previous day's attendance at the beach under the present management was 12,000, on an occasion last year when ladies were taken free. It is thought possible that there was a somewhat larger day the first

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Crowd After Crowd.

The crowd was the thing. It swarmed through every part of the vast pavilion, patronized the concessions of every variety, and took in the show, while thousands were at all times disporting themselves in the salt water. From noon until late at night, every table in the great dining hall was occupied by family parties, which had brought luncheon and the dancing floor was crowded at all times. It was a merry, good natured crowd, too. Old acquaintances were renewed and more new ones were formed, probably, than upon any similar occasion in the history of Saltair.

With the arrival of every train during the afternoon and evening a new crowd unloaded, which filled the train platform and presented to watchers in

Ill-Luck of Russians

Twenty-One Men Lose Their Lives by the Sinking of Submarine Boat.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 29.—The submarine boat Delfin sank at her moorings in the Neva, off the Baltic ship-building yard, at 11 o'clock this morning with the loss of an officer, Lieut. Cherkasoff, and twenty-two men. The accident was due partly to the excessive number of the crew, mostly inexperienced men, and chiefly to the unfortunate attempt of a man to escape while his comrades were screwing down the man-hole.

The officers and men detailed for submarine boats instruction had assembled at the Baltic yard and three officers decided to go down in the Delfin, although her captain was not present, relying on the experience of her skilled crew. A score of novices were anxious to go with the three officers.

The Delfin's nominal capacity is ten men, instead of which thirty-two entered the boat, bringing her man-hole in dangerous proximity to the river

Jail Is Destroyed.
HAMILTON, Mont., June 23.—The city jail was destroyed by fire last night. It is supposed the work of a hobo who was a prisoner in the jail.



year the resort opened, in 1893, but the record is not at hand. It is known, however, that yesterday's attendance exceeded all records.

Thirty Thousand Tickets.

It was a great effort on the part of everybody to co-operate with the Real Estate association in boosting Salt Lake City, and it was the greatest success ever accomplished in that direction. More tickets were sold for the event which were not used than the number used, the total sales having been about 30,000. To the 35000 which the Real Estate association has thus realized it is intended to add a like amount to be raised by methods at once to be decided upon, and the entire amount will be used for advertising the advantages of Utah and Salt Lake City.

Owing to the fact of its having been impossible to collect yesterday all of the coupons of tickets sold, it became necessary to postpone the announcement of \$10,000 in prizes which are to be given to holders of tickets for the celebration. This will be settled at the Salt Palace auction track at 8 o'clock tonight. There will be no admission charge to either the Salt Palace grounds or the track at the time of the drawing, it being desired to have as many as possible of the ticket holders present on the occasion.

Some Valuable Prizes.

As already announced, the list of prizes to be given away includes a house and lot valued at \$1000, a twenty-acre farm near the city, a great number of city lots singly and in pairs, and a number of cash and other valuable prizes, the entire list numbering sixty.

The determination of the prizes will be under the direct supervision of Mayor Richard P. Morris. While the prizes in themselves were sufficient to attract a great deal of interest, it was in reality the worthiness of the cause that enlisted the support of so many of the people. In honor of the event most of the business houses were closed yesterday after 1 o'clock and every one who could possibly get away joined the exodus from the city to the resort. While a great many went to the beach in this forenoon, the real traffic did not start until after 1 o'clock, and the floodtide was not reached until after the evening dinner hour. Then it was a veritable crush. Many went to the beach only to return one or two trains later. The main thing was to go out, if only to see the crowd.

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level. Just then a tug passed, sending a heavy wash against the boat.

As soon as the water splashed into the submarine boat's interior it created a panic among the novices, and one of them tried to get out of the man-hole, which the older hands were screwing down preparatory to the descent. The submarine department having already opened. The water rushed in and as the submerged vessel sank like a stone the officers and some of the men were saved by being blown up through the man-hole by the rush of escaping air. The Delfin shortly afterwards was raised.

Lieut. Haglund, who was one of the officers saved, said to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "The tragedy was like a dream. I remember a sickening sense of suffocation from the fumes of the storage batteries and then a rush of air and water. The next thing I knew was that I was ashore."

The Delfin is Russia's best submarine boat. She was designed by naval architect Boubnoff and Capt. Beklemisheff and underwent a successful trial in 1903.